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## SAN CARLOS WOMAN SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR POSSESSING METH TO SELL

PHOENIX–Laura Casey, 44, of San Carlos, Ariz. and a member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, was sentenced here yesterday to 24 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge David G. Campbell. Casey pleaded guilty on May 21, 2008 to Possession with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine.

On November 20, 2007, officers with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Drug Enforcement Unit, San Carlos Game and Fish Department and Gila County Sheriff's Office served a search and seizure warrant at Casey's residence on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Officers had developed information that Casey had previously sold methamphetamine from her residence. The officers seized approximately 13 grams of methamphetamine which Casey planned to sell to others on the reservation.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, San Carlos Game and Fish Department, Gila County Sheriff's Office and the San Carlos Police Department. The prosecution was handled by Thomas C. Simon, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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